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DEPARTMENT PASS: AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH AND AMEMBASSY SAIGON

SUBJ: RKG MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

1. CAMBODIAN PERMREP KHIM TIT ON INSTRUCTIONS MAY 4
REQUESTED YOST TRANSMIT TO PRESIDENT RKG'S APPRECIATIONS
FOR PRESIDENT'S COURAGEOUS DECISION TO AID CAMBODIA AT
THIS CRITICAL MOMENT IN RKG'S HISTORY.

2. KHIM TIT EXPRESSED RKG'S GRATITUDE FOR "GREAT SUPPORT" RENDERED BY US. AID WAS VERY PRECIOUS SINCE IT ARRIVED AT MOMENT OF GREATEST NEED. KHIM TIT SAID RKG SENSIBLE TO FACT ONLY US HAD COME TO CAMBODIA'S ASSISTANCE AND NOTED SIHANOUK HARPED ON THIS POINT.

3. IN REPLY TO YOST'S QUESTION AS TO SITUATION ON GROUND, KHIM TIT SAID WHILE IT WAS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE, COMMUNIST PRESSURE HAD INTENSIFIED. HE CITED NVN/VE SEIZURE OF MEKONG FERRY AND ATTEMPT TO ENCIRCLE PHNOM PENH. CAPITAL, HOWEVER, WAS WELL PROTECTED, HE SAID.

4. KHIM TIT SAID THERE WAS SOMETHING APPROACHING CONCERN OVER STRAINS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN SVN TROOPS AND CAMBODIANS. DUE TO FACT "SORT OF HATE" EXISTS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES, SVN FORCES HAD PUT UP NOTICES ON WALLS THAT THEY WOULD KILL ANYONE WHO MOLESTS THEIR COMPATRIOTS. KHIM TIT SAID RKG HAD MUCH MORE CONFIDENCE IN US TROOPS AND GOVT CERTAIN US WOULD NOT LEAVE CAMBODIANS ALONE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES.

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5. YOST REMARKED ON LIMITED OBJECTIVES OF US/SVN OPERATION WHICH DESIGNED TO DESTROY ENEMY HEADQUARTERS, ARMS CACHES AND SUPPLIES, AFTER WHICH US/SVN TROOPS WOULD WITHDRAW WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.

6. YOST ASKED IF RKG HAD ISSUED OFFICIAL DECLARATION ON CURRENT OPERATIONS. KHIM TIT SAID HE AWARE OF NONE UP TO PRESENT. WHILE NO DECISION TAKEN YET, YOST SAID US CONSIDERING SENDING LETTER TO PRES OF SC INFORMING SC AND OTHER UN MEMBERS OF WHAT WE HAD DONE AND WHY. YOST INDICATED RKG WOULD BE CONSULTED AS TO OPPORTUNENESS OF SUCH A STEP IN EVENT AFFIRMATIVE DECISION TAKEN. KHIM TIT DID NOT EXPRESS OBJECTION TO IDEA.

7. KHIM TIT SAID HE PLANS TRIP TO WASH THIS WEEK-END AND ASKED YOST FOR ADVICE ON WHOM TO CALL MONDAY, MAY 11. YOST PROMISED SEEK DEPT'S ADVICE PROMPTLY. GP-3.
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